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- 1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, EVERY REASONABLE MEANS TO PROVIDE SHIP VISIT DURING DATES REQUESTED BY EMBASSY WAS EXPLORED BY NAVY SCHEDULING AUTHORITY. ONLY PRACTICABLE SOLUTION WOULD HAVE MEANT DELAYING SHIPS RETURN TO ITS HOME PORT BY THREE WEEKS AFTER APPROX FIVE MONTH DEPLOYMENT TO SOUTH AMERICA. THIS DELAY WAS SIMPLY TOO COSTLY AND UNACCEPTABLE; THEREFORE, THE DATES PROPOSED REFTEL WERE ONLY FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE.
- 2. YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER NOT HAVING SHIP VISIT DURING INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS IS SHARED BY ALL CONCERNED, BUT IT IS A SITUATION WHERE ASSETS ARE SIMPLY NOT AVAILABLE.
- 3. WE BELIEVE THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO BE GAINED BY THE VISIT OF DAVIS AND THE EMBARKED SQUADRON COMMANDER, AND SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, WE WILL REQUEST NAVY TO CONFIDENTIAL

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